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1. All villages in the Mukachevo (N 48-26, E 22-43) area were organized in groups. In each group a pre-military training school had been set up by the Mukachevo Voenkomat. All 19-year-old males in the villages were required to attend this school twice a week, afternoons only, for a period of approximately one year; they were excused from their places of employment in order to do so. As far as I know, the subjects taught at the school were very basic; such as political indoctrination, physical training, and close order drill. Neither uniforms nor equipment of any kind were issued to the students. The school was supervised by officers and NCOs of the Soviet Army. At the end of one year, maneuvers were held which lasted about 10 days and consisted of bivouacking and minor field problems. After the maneuvers the school ended, and a few weeks later each man received an induction notice to report to the Mukachevo Voenkomat induction board.
2. Induction notices were always sent out in February or March of each year. The induction board made specific unit assignments when the man appeared before the board. After the draftee had been examined by the board he was permitted to return home but was subject to immediate induction.

25X1 a. The class of 1932 was drafted in 1952. the classes of 1929, 1930, and 1931 were still serving in 1952.

25X1 b. the class of 1928 was demobilized because a member of
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3. Almost all new inductees from the Mukachevo area were sent to distant military districts. The only exceptions to this policy were the members of local sport teams. They had to apply, through their athletic organizations several months prior to induction, for special permission to remain in the region while on active duty. Very few of the athletes chose to apply for such permission because it involved too much red tape. Those to whom permission was granted served within the region and were released on pass when their respective teams played an official game.
4. Deferments were difficult to obtain. At least 30 per cent disability was required to assure rejection or deferment for medical reasons. Eventually all fit men of draft age were inducted because deferments were never granted for more than a year or so. Except for men rejected permanently for medical reasons and evaders all draft-age men were sure to be inducted.

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